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SUBJECT: NEW PAROLE PROGRAM FOR 500 REFUGEES/DETAINÉES
1. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AUTHORIZES THE USE OF PAROLE FOR ADMISSION INTO THE UNITED STATES OF UP TO 500 REFUGEES/DETAINÉES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS FROM LATIN AMERICA UNDER SECTION 212(D)(5) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT. THIS AUTHORIZATION IS IN EFFECT FOR THE NEXT 24 MONTHS AND WILL BE ADMINISTERED JOINTLY BY THE INS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

2. PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE NEW 500 PROGRAM ARE (A) REFUGEES FROM LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES UNDER THE MANDATE OF THE UNHCR WHO HAVE FLED TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND WHO ARE IN URGENT NEED OF THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT AND (B) POLITICAL DETAINÉES IN DETENTION IN ANY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY.

3. AT THE PRESENT TIME UNHCR HAS MANDATED REFUGEE CASES IN ARGENTINA (PRIMARILY CHILEANS AND URUGUAYANS) IN PERU (CHILEANS) AND IN BRAZIL (ARGENTINES, PARAGUAYANS AND URUGUAYANS) WHO ARE SEEKING THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT INCLUDING ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES. TO DATE, ONLY ARGENTINA AND CHILE ARE PERMITTING THEIR NATIONALS UNDER

DETENTION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY UPON RECEIPT OF A VISA FROM A THIRD COUNTRY.

4. THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO POSTS AND THE DEPARTMENT FOR RESPONDING TO THE CHANGING REFUGEE/DETAINÉE SITUATION IN LATIN AMERICA; POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT SHOULD A REFUGEE/DETAINÉE SITUATION DEVELOP THAT WOULD GENERATE NEW CASES FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE 500 PROGRAM. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO WELCOME POSTS' RECOMMENDATION OF APPROPRIATE USG

INVOLVEMENT. PROCEDURAL DETAILS FOR PROCESSING CASES WOULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE POST INVOLVED,

5. THE NEW AUTHORIZATION IS FOR 500 CASES (PLUS DEPENDENTS) TO BE ADMITTED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AS THE NEED ARISES, THIS IS NOT A NUMERICAL GOAL BUT A LIMIT WITHIN WHICH POSTS MAY RESPOND TO URGENT NEEDS. ALLOCATION OF THE 500 PAROLE NUMBERS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

6. INS/CO APPROVES THE FIRST ALLOCATION OF PAROLE NUMBERS UNDER THE 500 AUTHORIZATION AS FOLLOWS: ARGENTINA 100 NUMBERS FOR DETAINÉES AND 20 NUMBERS FOR REFUGEES; BRAZIL 20 NUMBERS FOR REFUGEES; PERU 5 NUMBERS FOR REFUGEES. THE REMAINING 355 NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF POSTS THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM AS THE NEED ARISES.

7. BACKGROUND: THE GENESIS OF THE NEW 500 PAROLE PROGRAM FOR SOUTH AMERICAN REFUGEES AND DETAINÉES WAS THE ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES IN LATIN AMERICA WHICH FOCUSED ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE US CONGRESS AND PRIVATE GROUPS ON THE ISSUE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND REFUGEES, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. ADMISSION INTO THE US OF UP TO 500 CASES OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS IS VIEWED AS AN INTERIM MEASURE UNTIL CONGRESS ENACTS NEW REFUGEE LEGISLATION.

8. FURTHER DETAILS OF CRITERIA AND GUIDANCE FOR PROCESSING WILL FOLLOW IN SEPT. CHRISTOPHER

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